



## Gulf of Mexico Harmful Algal Bloom Bulletin

Region: Texas

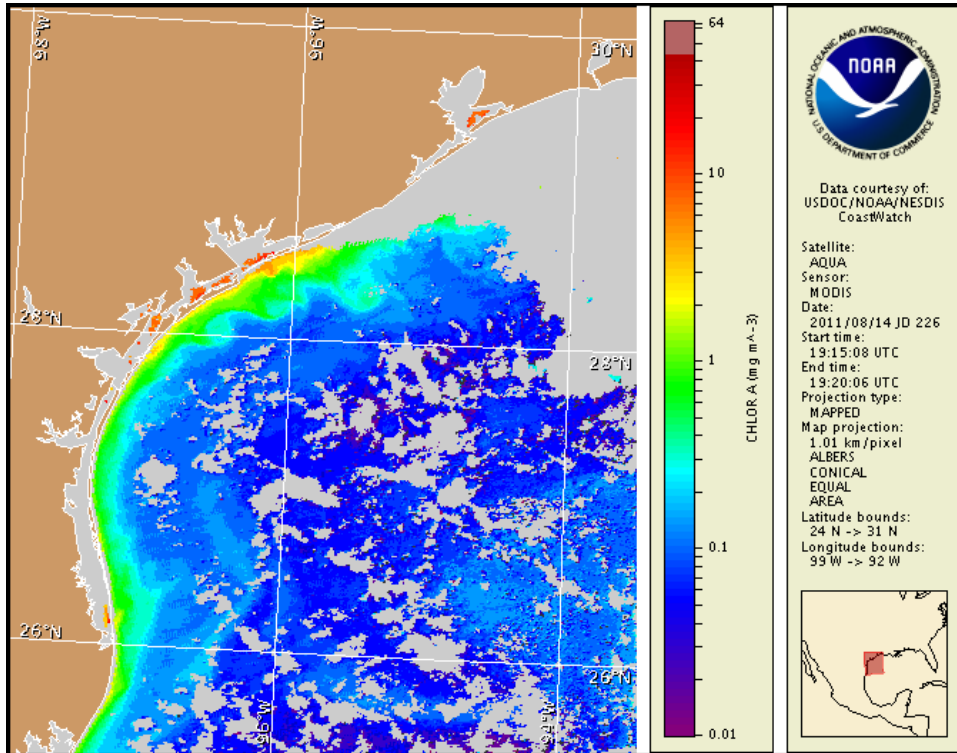
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Satellite chlorophyll image with possible HAB areas shown by red polygon(s). Cell concentration sampling data from August 5 to 11 shown as red (high), orange (medium), yellow (low b), brown (low a), blue (very low b), purple (very low a), pink (present), and green (not present). For a list of cell count data providers and a key to the cell concentration categories, please see the HAB-OFS bulletin guide:

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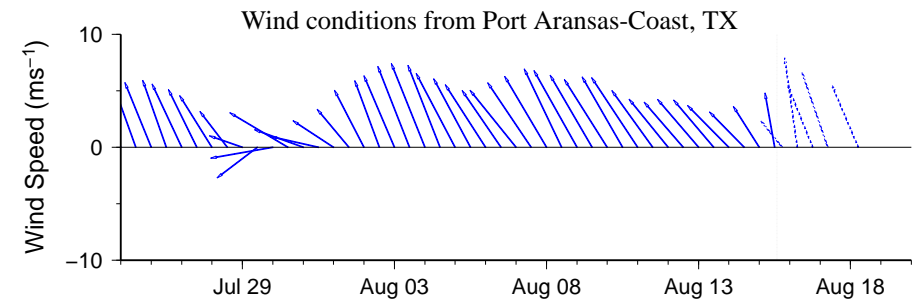
## Conditions Report

There is currently no indication of a harmful algal bloom at the coast in Texas. No impacts are expected alongshore Texas today through Sunday, August 21.

## Analysis

There is currently no indication of a harmful algal bloom along the coast of Texas. Recent imagery is partially obscured by clouds from Sabine Pass to the northern end of the Matagorda Peninsula, limiting analysis. Slightly elevated chlorophyll ( $1-4 \mu\text{g/L}$ ) is visible along- and offshore from Pass Cavallo to Port Aransas Pass. Elevated chlorophyll present at the coast is likely due to the resuspension of benthic chlorophyll and sediments and not related to a harmful algal bloom. Forecast models indicate a maximum transport of 70km north along the coast from Port Aransas from August 14-18.

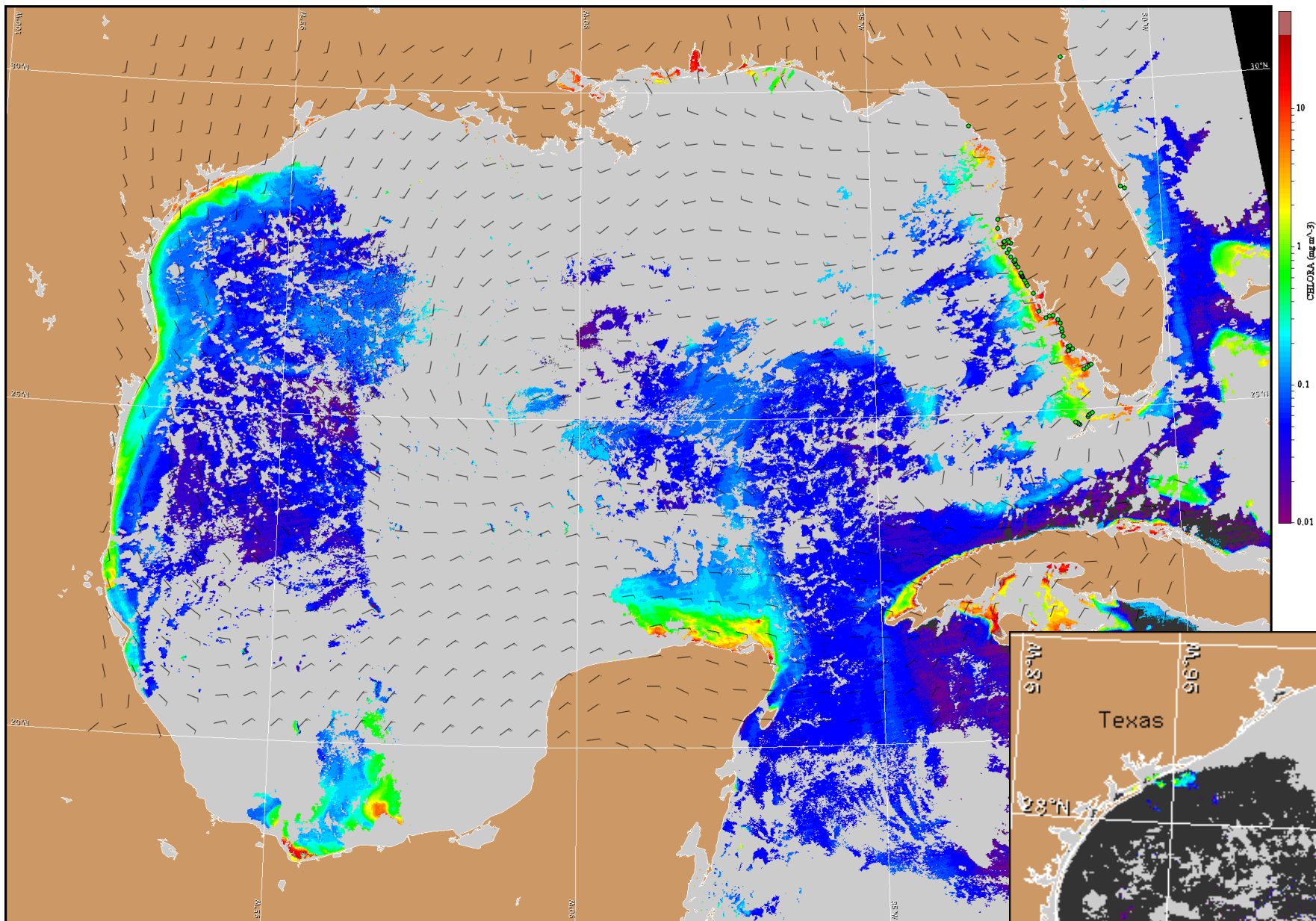
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Wind speed and direction are averaged over 12 hours from buoy measurements. Length of line indicates speed; angle indicates direction. Red indicates that the wind direction favors upwelling near the coast. Values to the left of the dotted vertical line are measured values; values to the right are forecasts. Wind observation and forecast data provided by NOAA's National Weather Service (NWS).

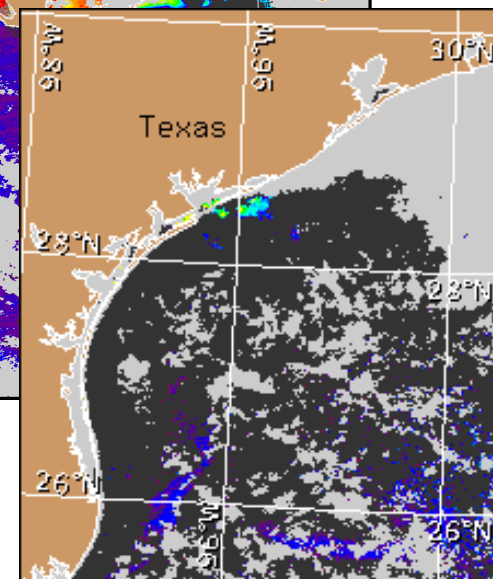
## Wind Analysis

**Port Aransas:** Variable south to southeast winds (5-15kn, 3-8m/s) today and Tuesday. Southeast winds (5-15kn) Wednesday and Thursday, shifting south (5-15kn) Thursday. South winds (5-15kn) Friday.



Satellite chlorophyll image and forecast winds for August 16, 2011 06Z with cell concentration sampling data from August 5 to 11 shown as red (high), orange (medium), yellow (low b), brown (low a), blue(very low b), purple (very low a), pink (present), and green (not present). For a list of cell count data providers and a key to the cell concentration categories, please see the HAB-OFS bulletin guide:

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Verified and suspected HAB areas shown in red. Other areas of high chlorophyll concentration shown in yellow (see p. 1 analysis for interpretation).